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**In re Application of:
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For: Apparatus For Positioning
A Tong And Drilling Rig
Provided With Such An
Apparatus

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Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2.

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